

On December 1, 1995, CBO completed a cost estimate for H.R. 2402, the Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 16, 1995. H.R. 2402 contains provisions that are very similar to those of Title I of H.R. 3907, and the estimated costs for those provisions in the two bills are identical.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Deborah Reis and Victoria V. Heid (for federal costs), who can be reached at 226-2860, and Marjorie Miller (for the state and local impact), who can be reached at 225-3220.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,  
*Director.*

TRIBUTE TO EVESHAM TOWNSHIP  
POLICE CHIEF NICHOLAS L.  
MATTEO

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 1996*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to congratulate and recognize the distinguished career of Chief Nicholas L. Matteo, chief of police for Evesham Township in Burlington County, NJ. Chief Matteo is preparing to retire on January 1, 1997 upon completion of more than 30 years of faithful service to the Evesham Township Police Department.

A native of Medford, NJ, Chief Matteo began his career with the Evesham Township Police Department responding to calls as a patrolman in 1966. As a cop on the beat, Chief Matteo served his community during time of need and emergency situations.

Mr. Matteo then ascended to the rank of detective first class where he was responsible for interviewing victims, perpetrators, and the follow-up of criminal investigations.

Patrol sergeant, the next title held by Mr. Matteo, entailed the overseeing of the operations of an entire patrol shift as well as direct supervision of critical incidents.

Chief of police is the rank that he has held honorably since 1990. He has been responsible for the operation of a large, widely respected law enforcement agency. While serving as chief of police, Mr. Matteo has earned the respect of the men and women of the Evesham Township Police Department, as well as residents of Burlington County, by participating on the Burlington County Chiefs Association Executive Board.

In 1996, the Delaware Valley Chiefs Association named him to their executive board. This is a most prestigious honor. This appointment highlights Chief Matteo's genuine concern for protecting the safety of the residents of his own community as well as those surrounding it.

Chief Matteo's dedication to his community is not limited to his duties and responsibilities as a police officer. He is also keenly aware of the need for racial harmony and tolerance throughout our country. He promotes this ideal through the Coalition of Multi-Culture Understanding of Burlington and Camden counties, of which he is president.

Be it a patrolman, an administrator, or a supervisor, Chief Nicholas L. Matteo has been an excellent role model for other uniformed of-

ficers and citizens of the United States. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to submit these commemorative remarks in order to share the many accomplishments of a great man with my colleagues.

A man of Nicholas Matteo's stature and vision is rare indeed. While his distinguished service will be genuinely missed, it gives me great pleasure to recognize him, and to wish him good luck as he brings to a close a long and dignified career with the Evesham Township Police Department.

WILLIAM H. MORTON ENGINE CO.  
NO. 1 CELEBRATES 125TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 1996*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, anyone who visits my office can't help but notice the display of fire helmets that dominate my reception area. They're there for two reasons. First, I had the privilege of being a volunteer fireman in my hometown of Queensbury for more than 20 years, which helps explain the second reason, the tremendous respect that experience gave me for those who provide fire protection in our rural areas.

Mr. Speaker, in a rural area like the 22d District of New York, fire protection is often solely in the hands of these volunteer companies. In New York State alone they save countless lives and billions of dollars worth of property. That is why the efforts of people like those firefighters in Athens, NY, is so critical.

And that's why, Mr. Speaker, back in 1870 the residents of the growing village of Athens demanded more fire protection and the William H. Morton Engine Co. was born in 1871. It was founded based on this need to serve one another.

On that note, Mr. Speaker, those are the traits that make me most fond of such communities, the undeniable camaraderie which exists among neighbors. Looking out for one another and the good of the whole is what makes places like Athens a great place to live and raise a family. And this concept of community service couldn't be better exemplified than by the devoted service of the fine men and women who have comprised the William H. Morton Engine Co. No. 1 over its 125-year history. That's right, for well over a century, this organization has provided critical services for the citizens of Athens on a volunteer basis. As a former volunteer fireman myself, I understand, and appreciate, the commitment required to perform such vital public duties.

Mr. Speaker, it has become all too seldom that you see fellow citizens put themselves in harms way for the sake of another. While almost all things have changed over the years, thankfully for the residents of Athens, the members of their fire department have selflessly performed their duty, without remiss, since back in 1871.

You know, I have always said there is nothing more all-American than volunteering to help one's community. By that measure, Mr. Speaker, the members of the William H. Morton Engine Co. No. 1, past and present, are truly great Americans. In that regard, I ask that you, Mr. Speaker, and all Members of the

House, join me now in paying tribute to these dedicated men and women.

FUNDING FOR THE FEDERAL  
MARITIME ACADEMIES

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 1996*

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned about the viability and sustainability of our 6 State maritime academies given this bill's funding level for the Maritime Administration's operation and training account. This portion of the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill does not specifically provide funding for the 6 schools and actually cuts \$4.3 million from the operation and training account that was to have funded the schools.

The State maritime academies represent a model of State and Federal cost sharing in meeting the Nation's need for officers for the American flag merchant fleet and other elements of the maritime industry. The students and State governments underwrite most of the schools' costs. The Federal Government historically has assisted the academies by loaning them training ships used to meet the Federal mandate for the sea time required to fulfill the Coast Guard licensing requirements. The schools maintain these ships at approximately one-third the cost of maintaining Ready Reserve Fleet ships.

The mission of the State maritime academies is to provide, in partnership with the Federal Government, licensed American merchant marine officers by the most cost-effective means. The 6 schools, located in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, California, and Michigan provide 75 percent of the Nation's licensed mariners.

These State maritime academies represent a high return on a modest Federal investment. For only \$9.3 million, which represents level funding over the past 7 years, they train and graduate 75 percent of the Nation's licensed merchant marine officers; maintain a Ready Reserve Fleet ships at one-third the Government costs; commission an additional 100 Navy and Coast Guard Reserve officers each year; and enjoy a 100 percent job placement rate for graduates.

I, along with many others on both sides of the aisle, hope the Senate will fully fund these much-needed State maritime academies. I also urge House appropriations conferees to work with the Senate to restore this funding.

A TRIBUTE TO WOODS MEMORIAL  
HOSPITAL

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 1996*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Woods Memorial Hospital in Etowah, TN, for being nationally recognized for its success in advanced technology as well as its overall business success.

In addition to its national recognition, the hospital was honored with the Tennessee